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Office of the President
April 21, 2009

Members, Board of Trustees:

APPOINTMENT OF DEAN OF THE COLLEGE OF LAW

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the appointment of David A. Brennen as Dean of the College of Law, effective July 1, 2009.

Background: When Allan Vestal announced his decision to step down as Dean of the College of Law, a search committee was appointed to identify and recommend qualified persons for the position. The search committee considered many excellent candidates and four finalists were interviewed on campus. Mr. Brennen received excellent endorsements from the provost's search committee and from faculty, students, staff, and alumni of the College of Law.

Mr. Brennen currently serves as Deputy Director of the Association of American Law Schools (AALS) in Washington, DC. While serving at the AALS, Mr. Brennen is on leave from the University of Georgia School of Law, where he is a tenured Professor of Law. Prior to his appointment at Georgia, he was the Ellison C. Palmer Professor of Tax Law at Mercer University School of Law. He was also previously on the faculty at the University of Richmond School of Law and Syracuse University College of Law. He received a bachelor's degree (1988) from Florida Atlantic University and J.D. (1991) and LL.M. in Tax Law (1994) from the University of Florida College of Law. Mr. Brennen teaches and writes on federal income tax law, and in particular, the law of tax-exempt organizations.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____